

(D) no-cost leases of United States equipment;

(E) the subsidy cost of loan guarantees and other contingent liabilities under subchapter VI of chapter 148 of title 10, United States Code; and

(F) international military education and training under chapter 5 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management.

The hearing will take place Wednesday, March 25, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the following general land exchange bills: S. 890, to dispose of certain Federal properties located in Dutch John, Utah, to assist the local government in the interim delivery of basic services to the Dutch John community, and for other purposes; S. 1109, to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements; S. 1468, to provide for the conveyance of one (1) acre of land from Santa Fe National Forest to the Village of Jemez Springs, New Mexico, as the site of a fire sub-station; S. 1469, to provide for the expansion of the historic community cemetery of El Rito, New Mexico, through the special designation of five acres of Carson National Forest adjacent to the cemetery; S. 1510, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico; S. 1683, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over part of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the Wenatchee National Forest; S. 1719, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to exchange land and other assets with Big Sky Lumber Co; S. 1752, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites and use the proceeds for the acquisition of office sites and the acquisition, construction, or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Coconino National Forest, Kaibab National Forest, Prescott National Forest, and Tonto National Forest in the State of Arizona; H.R. 1439, to facilitate the sale of certain land in Tahoe National Forest in the State of California to Placer County, California; H.R. 1663, to clarify the intent of the Congress in Public Law 93-632 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to provide for the maintenance of 18 concrete dams and weirs that were located in the Emigrant Wilderness at the time the wil-

derness area was designated as wilderness in that Public Law.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Amie Brown or Mark Rey at (202) 224-6170.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RECREATION

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, April 1, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on titles I, II, III, and V of S. 1693, a bill to renew, reform, reinvigorate, and protect the National Park System.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole of the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5161 or Shawn Taylor at (202) 224-6969.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a workshop on the status of Puerto Rico has been scheduled before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

The workshop will take place on Thursday, April 2, 1998, at 9:30 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

For further information, please call James P. Beirne, Senior Counsel, (202/224-2564) or Betty Nevitt, Staff Assistant at (202/224-0765).

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at 9 a.m. in SR-328A. The purpose of this meeting will be to examine the reauthorization of expiring child nutrition programs, specifically WIC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at 10 a.m. in open session, to consider the nominations for Mr. David R. Oliver, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; Dr. Sue Bailey, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; and Mr. Paul J. Hoeper, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on March 17, 1998 at 9:30 a.m., on tobacco legislation (smokeless/White House).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for a hearing on Retirement Security during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs would like to request unanimous consent to hold a markup on the nomination of Togo D. West, Jr., to be Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, and a hearing on Persian Gulf War Illnesses: the lessons learned from Desert Storm re chemical and biological weapons preparedness.

The markup and hearing will take place on Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, FEDERALISM, AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property, Rights, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 17, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. to hold a hearing in Room 226, Senate Dirksen building, on: "Privacy in the Digital Age: Encryption and Mandatory Access."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY, TERRORISM AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 17, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing in Room 226, Senate Dirksen building, on: "Critical Infrastructure Protection: Toward a New Policy Directive."